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Workers at the Pye Radio works

Pye continues to flourish during depression – 1932

PYE Radio invited people to inspect their works and queues five or six deep stretched halfway up Haig Road.

It is amazing that a non-industrial town should have such fine works and few realised that we in Cambridge had such an important and highly organised industry in our midst.

In these times of depression, it is a novelty to find a works which is really flourishing. Despite making 4,000 sets a week, demand is greater than supply and they are planning to increase the size of the works by 50 percent.

The Unitarian Church building in Victoria Street was opened in 1923

Opening and dedication of Unitarian Church – 1923

SATURDAY and Sunday were great days in the history of local Unitarians, for they witnessed the realisation of a dream – the opening and dedication of a permanent Unitarian Church building in Cambridge.

For something like 20 years, Unitarians in Cambridge have been meeting in hired halls.

The new hall is a particularly fine one in Victoria Street and eminently suitable for the purpose intended.

It was also stated that a member of the congregation had now undertaken to erect a memorial church, which would mean that the new hall would be greatly extended

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Funeral of 'largest man in the world' – 1937

'ONE with a memory' writes:

"My father put Tudor's circus up twice in Cambridge and once in Ipswich and eventually at the Romsey Town cement works, where the main part still stands and is used by Messrs Macintosh for their ever-increasing agricultural department."

He has a bill, dated June 1895, which includes six shillings and fivepence for 38 pints of beer from the 'Duke of Cambridge' for the workers.

Another reader recalls Samuel Murfitt from Manea, the largest man in the world, who died 50 years ago.

His girth was 100 inches, and as no hearse could be found large enough, he had to be conveyed on a flat.

The sashes had to be taken from the windows and nearly 20 men were employed to get the body out.

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